

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

FINAL RESULTS OF CEREAL AND HAY HARVEST, 1930-31.

Wheat 34,871,526 (23,345,093) Bush. Aver. 8.34 (6.40) per acre.

1. ACREAGE CROPPED. The acreage sown for all purposes with Wheat, Barley and Oats aggregated 5,293,882 (4,827,861) acres, increase 466,019 acres. Distributed as follows:-
 For Grain. Wheat 4,180,513 (3,645,764) acres, increase 534,749 acres; Barley 251,957 (305,316) acres, decrease 53,359 acres; Oats 218,416 (277,923) acres, decrease 59,507 acres; Hay (Wheat Barley and Oats) 601,240 (534,886) acres, increase 66,354 acres.

2. FAILURES. Owing to adverse seasonal conditions considerable areas completely failed. Out of 5,293,882 acres sown 375,000 acres are estimated to have failed for the purpose for which sown. Of this area only 42,000 acres were profitably fed off, the balance of 333,000 acres being a complete failure.

3. PRODUCTION. Wheat 34,871,526 (23,345,093) Bushels increase 11,526,433 Bushels, average per acre 8.34 (6.40) Bushels; Barley 3,960,929 (4,656,254) Bushels, average 15.72 (15.25) Bushels; Oats 2,080,311 (1,564,287) Bushels, average 9.52 (5.63) Bushels; Hay 621,171 (431,044) tons.

4. BENEFITS OF FALLOW. Of the total wheat crop 23,718,522 (18,904,280) bushels were produced from fallow land and averaged 11.05 (9.07) bushels per acre, whilst the remainder, 11,153,004 (4,480,813) bushels was from land not fallowed and only averaged 5.48 (2.84) bushels per acre, resulting in an aggregate average of 8.34 (6.40) bushels per acre.

5. EXPORTABLE SURPLUS. After making the usual allowances for Seed Wheat and home consumption it is estimated that 28,000,000 bushels of Wheat are available for export. Of this quantity over 14,000,000 bushels have been exported. The mean value of overseas exports of Wheat and Flour for the five years ended 1929-30 was £5,540,076 and of Barley £201,920. For the 10 months of the year 1930-31 the export values are Wheat and Flour £2,205,642, Barley £288,463.

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